Reading This Book

If, while reading the following pages of this book, the reader will keep these few facts in mind, a much clearer understanding of the contents will result. Two types of formats are used in this book: ascending and descending.

The **ancestral genealogies** are ascending, starting with the primary ancestor and moving backward into history, generation by generation. The ID numbers are in **Sequential Order**, starting with the most recent individual as Number 1. Only direct ancestors will have a number. Children of an ancestor will have a roman numeral in front of their name and are listed in order of birth.

The format or style used for **descendant genealogies** is known as the **Modified Register System,** which has been refined by the National Genealogical Society. Three types of numbers are used: one to uniquely identify the individual, one to indicate the generation into which that person falls, and one to denote his or her birth order within the nuclear family. The identification numbering system used for the descending genealogies is called **By Generation**. That starting number is 1, his or her first child is 2. All the children are listed as generation number two, the grand-children are listed as generation number three and so on. Each person is assigned an ID number in sequential order by generation.

When an individual is introduced in his or her separate sketch, the name appears in boldface letters with the surnames in all capital letters. The name is preceded by an identification number. The last given name is followed immediately by a superscript number indicating the number of generations from the starting individual in that chapter. In parentheses following the name is a list of direct ancestors back to the starting individual. Only the given name is listed, followed by the generation number in superscript.

When the list of children is presented, the ID number is printed, followed by M/F indicating the sex. Next a small roman numeral in front of the name designates birth-order. For deceased persons, birth and death dates are indicated.

For some individuals there will be notes of a biographical and historical nature. At the end of each chapter, endnotes will document the sources of the information used for this book.

The index is arranged alphabetically by surname. Under each surname, names are alphabetically arranged by given names. The number to the right indicates the page where this name appears. The wife appears under her maiden name.

While the author has made every attempt to be accurate in this compilation, some errors are certain to exist. Therefore the reader is urged to verify correctness of any information herein that might be used in their own research.